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"For five years my husband suffered from scrofula. The best physicians in our city pronounced the case incurable. Sores appeared, eating into the mouth and throat. The jugular vein was exposed, the tongue entirely eaten away, the palate and tonsils eaten out, and there was a large sore on the outside of the throat. After everything else had failed, he tried Ayer's Sarsaparilla. He had to take it through a tube, as his throat was too sore to swallow. Now, after years of terrible suffering, he is fully restored to health, and he is able to work every day, although his speech is greatly affected by the loss of tongue and palate."
Mrs. E. L. FOSTER, Wilmington, Del.

Sarsaparilla

"For seven years I suffered with that terrible scourge scrofula in my shoulder and arm. Every means of cure was tried without success. I had a good physician who tried in every way to help me. I was told to take Ayer's Sarsaparilla. I immediately began its use, and after taking seven bottles of this remedy the scrofula was entirely cured."
Mrs. J. A. GENTLE, Fort Fairfield, Me.

Cures

"I was a great sufferer from scrofula, being unable to do any work for twelve months. Not one of the doctors who attended me, nor any of the medicines I took, did me any good. My friends supposed that I could not live. One of my physicians induced me to try Ayer's Sarsaparilla. After using eight bottles I am now perfectly well."
GEORGE TOWNSEND, French Camp, Miss.

the worst forms of

"For many years Ayer's Sarsaparilla has been one of the constant remedies used in the Home for Little Wanderers, and we have found it valuable in eliminating humors from the blood which seem to have been inherited, especially scrofula and other skin diseases."
(Rev.) B. A. COOPER, Supt. N. E. Home for Little Wanderers, Boston, Mass.

Scrofula

Dr. Ayer's Pills are specially adapted for use with Ayer's Sarsaparilla. They promote digestion and keep the liver, bowels, and stomach in good working order.

PRINCE BISMARCK DEAD.

The Iron Chancellor Passes from Earth Into Eternity's Shades.

Berlin, Aug. 1.—Prince Bismarck died shortly before 11 o'clock Saturday night. The death of the ex-chancellor comes as a surprise to all Europe. Despite the family's denials there was an undercurrent of apprehension when the sinking of the prince was first announced. Inspired more by what the family felt unsaid than by any information given. But when the daily bulletin chronicled improvements in the prince's condition, detailed his extensive bills of fare, and told of his devotion to his pipe, the public accepted Dr. Schweninger's assertion when he said there was no reason why Bismarck should not reach the age of 90 years.

The reports were deemed to be a repetition of the alarm that Prince Bismarck was in extremis which had been often repeated in the past. All the Saturday papers in Europe dismissed Bismarck with a paragraph, noting the improvement, while his condition was completely overshadowed in the English papers by the condition of the Prince of Wales' knee. It appears that the ex-chancellor's death was not precipitated by sudden complications, but was rather the culmination of chronic disease—neuritis of the face and inflammation of the veins—which kept him in constant pain that was borne with the iron fortitude which might

have been expected. The beginning of the end dates from July 20, when the prince was confined to his bed. He had been several days prostrated before an inkling of his decline reached the world. On Friday Dr. Schweninger said: "For the past nine days I have hardly changed my clothes, having been traveling nearly all the time between Berlin and Friedrichsruhe, as you may notice by my shabby velvet jacket." He then declared that his patient's lungs, stomach and kidneys were sound, in fact that his whole gigantic frame was sound. "As yet," said Dr. Schweninger, "there is no calcification of the blood vessels, but the pains in his face and legs worry him and shorten his sleep."

Dr. Schweninger added this verdict: "With his extraordinary robust nature he may, excluding complications, reach 90." During Dr. Schweninger's brief absence from Friedrichsruhe Dr. Chryssander was in constant attendance upon the patient. Although Prince Bismarck was extremely low on Wednesday he rallied on Thursday that he was wheeled to the dinner table to celebrate with his assembled family the fifty-first anniversary of his wedding.

Following is a brief but very complete paraphrased story of the great German life and work:
1815—Born April 1 at Schoenhausen of Louise Wilhelmina von Menken and Karl Wilhelm von Bismarck.
1821 to 1825—Studied at the Plamann academy in Berlin, at the Frederick William gymnasium, the University of Goettingen and University of Berlin.

1829 to 1847—Lived the life of a country gentleman on his estates in Pomerania.
1847—Married Johanna von Puttkamer, in spite of her parents' opposition, elected to the newly constituted Prussian landtag.

1848—Changed from a Liberal to a Conservative by the revolution.

1849—Took his seat in the parliament summoned by the king on the dissolution of the national assembly.

1850—Became the acknowledged leader of the Conservatives in the Prussian landtag.

1851—Appointed Prussian minister plenipotentiary in the Frankfurt diet.
1852—Appointed ambassador to Paris; recalled in September and made minister-president of Prussia and chief adviser to King William II.

1853 and 1854—Secured the duchies of Schleswig and Holstein for Germany.

1856—Slightly wounded on May 7 by Lionel Cohen, a would-be assassin; brought about war with Austria, the formal declaration being made by

Austria June 17, present at the battle of Sadowa July 3, and saw Austria completely vanquished; concluded the treaty of peace at Prague in August, 1866, annexing Hanover, Schleswig-Holstein, Hesse and part of Saxony to Prussia.

1867—Made chancellor of the North German confederation, after effecting unification of all Germany.

1870—Provoked Napoleon III, into declaring war on Germany, which ended in complete defeat for France, her cession of Alsace and Lorraine and the payment of five milliards of francs as indemnity.

1871—Read on Jan. 18 the proclamation declaring King William "Deutscher Kaiser," nominated on Jan. 19 first chancellor of the reconstituted empire, created a prince on Feb. 21; signed the Frankfurt treaty with France May 10; returned to Berlin at the head of the army June 18.

1874—Life attempted a second time in July, the would-be assassin being a fanatic named Kuhlman.

1875—Honored on April 1 by a public celebration of the 70th anniversary of his birth, participated in by the entire German nation and by Germans all over the globe.

1880—Retired to private life at the age of 75 years; created Duke of Lauenburg.

1891—Returned to the Reichstag.
1893—Publicly condemned the anti-Semitic movement.

1898—Died July 30 at his castle of Friedrichsruhe.

Life Belts on the Sallors.

New York, Aug. 3.—The steamship Westernland arrived here and those on board reported that when sixty miles off Sable Island, and within about one mile of the spot where La Bourgogne went down on July 4, the bodies of twenty-six men and two women were seen floating in the water. It was significant fact that almost all of the men were sailors. Passengers seemed to have no life belts, and therefore sank. The steamship Hiawatha, which went out from Halifax to identify the dead of La Bourgogne, was sighted by the Westernland in the neighborhood of this human wreckage and was engaged in the work for which it was sent out.

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NEWS OF THE STATE.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS OF HAPPENINGS IN MICHIGAN.

Items Collected for the Benefit of Our Own Readers—News of the Past Few Days Which Will Be of General Interest to Michigan People.

Lansing, Mich., Aug. 1.—In his annual report soon to be issued Commissioner Campbell refers to a little bout which he has had with the insurance commissioner of Wisconsin over the imposition of a back tax and penalty of \$5,975 upon the Standard Life and Accident of Detroit for doing business in Wisconsin and his attempt to retaliate against the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company of Milwaukee.

The tax was collected from the Standard under an old statute of Wisconsin which had never been published in the insurance laws and was not known to exist by many companies. Commissioner Campbell says that to have withheld the statute from publication and secrete it so effectively that insurance officials have for thirteen years been unaware of its existence, and then to demand payment from the companies that have been honestly and fairly paying taxes as great as are imposed and collected by any state in the Union, seems from a state standpoint to be unfair and unjust and lacking every element of comity. The commissioner adds:

"If, as the honorable commissioner of Wisconsin in his last annual report states, 'retaliatory laws are a relic of barbarism and an outrage,' how much greater is the barbarism and outrage that has been perpetrated upon innocent companies of other states doing business in Wisconsin? It would be better to direct criticism in word and not attempt justification by insinuation against officers of other states who but follow a plain statutory duty."

AMERICAN MUNICIPALITIES.

An Important Convention Now Being Held at Detroit.

Detroit, Aug. 2.—Owing to a misunderstanding about the place of meeting, not all the delegates were present when the second annual meeting of the League of American Municipalities was called to order. About two hundred were in the proper hall, viz.: the Light Infantry armory, while a scattered few assembled in Light Guard armory, three blocks distant. Governor Pingree was among those who waited at the wrong place, but he delivered his welcoming address later, nevertheless. Mayor Maybury cordially welcomed the city's guests. The president, Mayor John MacVicar of Des Moines, Ia., after a short response, delivered his annual address.

After the adoption of some amendments to the league's constitution, providing that dues be payable to the treasurer direct, instead of through the secretary, the convention adjourned until 2 o'clock. At the opening of the afternoon session Governor Pingree welcomed the convention and characterized it as the most important which had met in Detroit, because its object was study of the great problems of municipal affairs.

A preliminary injunction was served upon City Treasurer Thompson and Comptroller Blades, restraining payment of any portion of the sum of \$5,000 recently appropriated by the city council for entertainment of the League of American Municipalities. The complainants are Clarence A. Rack and a dozen other prominent citizens. The city charter permits an appropriation of \$2,000 as entertainment fund. The \$5,000 which is enjoined is a balance received from a lighting debt owed to the city by the contractor. The complainants aver that the use of this money for such purpose is unauthorized. A similar injunction was recently served upon the city school authorities. The circuit judge decided that the entertainment appropriation by the school board is illegal, but the question whether private citizens may bring such a suit is still pending with the court.

Detroit, Aug. 3.—Some 500 city fathers and officials attended the second day's session of the League of American Municipalities. They constituted, on the whole, an intelligent and conscientious appearing body. The feature of the session was an address upon self-government for cities, by Professor Frank Parsons of Boston university, president of the National League for Promoting Public Ownership of Monopolies.

MICHIGAN REPUBLICANS.

To Hold Their State Convention at Detroit On Sept. 21 Next.

Detroit, July 29.—At a meeting of the Republican state central committee, held here yesterday afternoon, it was decided to hold the state convention for nomination of state officers in Detroit Sept. 21. Twelve votes were taken before a decision was reached, a portion of the committee—particularly the Pingree men—urging an early convention, while the anti, among them D. M. Ferry, the state chairman, desired a short campaign.

Senator Burrows, who is a candidate for re-election before the next legislature, is said to have favored the later date for the convention. Governor Pingree has not yet announced his personal preferences as to United States senator.

Negotiations for Railway Terminals.

Menominee, Mich., July 29.—Negotiations are in progress between the Wisconsin and Michigan, the Ann Arbor, the Dummer and Wausaukee and the Holmes & Son railroads—the last two exclusive logging roads—whereby the three are to have terminals here. If the deal is made the Wisconsin and Michigan will remove its eight miles of rails between Peshtigo and the harbor to a new line to be built from Bagby Junction to this city, a like distance.

Where a Contract Is Void.

Detroit, Aug. 1.—Judge Swan, of the United States district court, handed down a decision that will have a tendency to startle railroad companies. Ephraim Lumley was injured in the Wabash yards. He made a settlement for \$75 and signed a release. Afterward he brought suit to have the release set aside and Judge Swan in setting it aside said: "I cannot doubt that

complainant's injuries were much greater than supposed at the time of the settlement and the execution of the release."

Three Prisoners Break Jail.

Iron Mountain, Mich., July 29.—Three prisoners escaped from Dickinson county jail early yesterday morning. One is Earl Powley, sentenced for burglary; the others, Joe La Jeunesse, and Israel Goyer, sentenced for small misdemeanors.

State Notes.

Auditor General Dix has instructed the attorney general of Michigan to commence suit against Gogebic county for \$21,761 for back taxes alleged to be due.

Near Spring Arbor, Mich., there has just been threshed 79 bushels of American bronze wheat on nineteen acres, an average of forty-one bushels per acre.

Mrs. Frances Norton, author, and a sister of Charles Guiteau, the assassin of President Garfield, has filed suit at St. Joseph, Mich., for a divorce from her husband.

A Tecumseh, Mich., man has been shipping hay this year to England, Scotland and the Bermuda Islands.

Charles Sickles, while loading grain near Metamora, Mich., was badly bitten in the wrist by a rattlesnake. He will live.

All danger of a strike in the iron mining districts of the upper Michigan peninsula this season seems to have been averted.

Angelus Salvatore, an Italian, was instantly killed by a cave-in of ore in the Chapin mine at Iron Mountain, Mich.

WATER-TANK TAKES A FALL.

Accident at Dallas, Tex., Causes Damage Estimated at \$50,000.

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 3.—A water-tank on the top of a tower 100 feet high, just being finished by the Challenge Windmill and Feed Mill company of Batavia, Ill., for the wholesale drug house of J. W. Crowder & Co., on Commerce street, for protection against fire, fell at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The tank had just been filled to its capacity of about 1,000 barrels, and the roar of the water was like a young Niagara. Heavy pieces of iron went crashing through the adjoining roofs of the Howell Drug company and the Scarff & O'Connor Printing Supply company, the tank falling into the basement of the latter building, where it was smashed into a thousand pieces.

William Pierce, who was working at the top of the tank, fell into the basement with the tank, but a force of men soon chopped away the mass of debris which buried him and brought him out alive. He will recover, though he is seriously injured about the head and shoulders. The property loss is estimated at \$50,000, and as there was no accident insurance it will probably have to be borne by the Crowder Drug company. Scarff & O'Connor alone estimate their loss on printing presses and paper stock at \$10,000.

BISMARCK'S FAMOUS LETTER.

How the Old Statesman Sent His Resignation of Office to the Emperor.

Berlin, Aug. 2.—The Berlin Local Anzeiger publishes now for the first time the full story of the origin of Prince Bismarck's letter of resignation of March 18, 1890, to Emperor William. The letter starts in by pointing out the impossibility of acceding to the emperor's request that Bismarck sign in his capacity of German premier the decree rescinding the order of Sept. 3, 1882, fixing with the premier the entire responsibility for all acts of the crown. The letter dwells on the impossibility and says that Bismarck could not retain the premiership after signing the decree.

It also strongly and repeatedly expresses the belief that the emperor would be willing to part with the writer's services, the emperor's conduct toward him during the preceding weeks having been such as to induce that belief. The document is about 2,500 words long. It has been received with the greatest interest by the German public. The Local Anzeiger also prints an introductory article from Moritz Busch, Bismarck's ex-secretary, rehearsing the events preceding the resignation.

To Cure Constipation Forever.

Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic, 10c or 25c. If C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

Home-Seekers Excursions.

On the first and third Tuesdays in July, August, September and October, 1898, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway will send round-trip excursion tickets (good 21 days) from Chicago, Milwaukee and other points on its line, to a great many points in South and North Dakota and other western and southwestern states at about one fare. Take a trip west and see the wonderful crops and what an amount of good land can be purchased for a little money. Further information as to rates, routes, prices of farm lands, etc., may be obtained on application to any coupon ticket agent or by addressing the following named persons: W. E. Powell, Gen'l Immigration Agent, 410 Old Colony Bldg., Chicago; H. F. Hunter, Immigration Agt. for South Dakota, 291 Dearborn St., Chicago, or Geo. H. Headford, General Passenger Agent, Chicago, Ill.

Fireman Killed in a Wreck.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 1.—A pay car on the Southern Pacific was wrecked yesterday west of Benson. The engine jumped the track on a curve. Fireman A. J. Taylor was killed, Engineer Walker was badly injured, and Conductor Crowder was injured internally and will probably die.

WILLING TO HELP

Securing freedom from the grip of catarrh makes loyal friends for the liberator.

Pe-ru-na has been making friends of this kind for many years. It cures catarrh wherever located.

Mrs. R. Eades, of 35 Twenty-eighth St., Detroit, Mich., is one of the many thousands of Pe-ru-na's friends. This is what she says to Dr. Hartman:

"We have used your Pe-ru-na with the most remarkable results and would not be without it. We have always recommended it to our friends. A few years ago I purchased a bottle of your Pe-ru-na and after seeing its results, recommended it to my grocer who was troubled with dyspepsia, the curing of which induced her to sell it in her store. She has sold large amounts of it. My daughter has just been cured of jaundice with Pe-ru-na. My pen would grow weary were I to begin to tell you of the numerous cures Pe-ru-na has effected in our immediate vicinity within the last couple of years."

Dr. Hartman, President of the Surgical Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, will counsel and prescribe for fifty thousand women this year free of charge. Every suffering woman should write for special question blank for women, and have Dr. Hartman's book, "Health and Beauty." All druggists sell Pe-ru-na.

Wants to Sell Herself in Slavery.

A Danville (Ky.) woman has advertised her desire to sell herself into slavery for life for money enough to purchase a comfortable home for her children, adding: "Will serve faithfully, and endeavor to make myself invaluable, always striving to please."

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Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic, clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

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